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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Minutes

Call to Order

The special meeting of the First Things First – White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on October 26, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., telephonically.

Vice Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at approximately 4:13 p.m.

Members Present:

Shine Burnette, Deborah Clendon, Harrisen DeClay (until 4:27 p.m.), Laurel Endfield, Mary Kline, Faye Smith, Kirk Massey, Jr., (at 4:27 p.m.)

Members Absent: Dennie Cromwell and Velma Kaytoggy

Other Attendees: Joe Dorsey, Rochelle Lacapa, and Maureen Theobald

Discussion and Possible Approval of FY2011 Regional Funding Plan

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed the revised draft of Strategy 5: Increasing Supports for Parents/Guardians of Children at Risk for Developmental Delay. Coordinator Lacapa asked the members if this draft better meets the intent of the members. Members Kline and Burnette stated they liked this plan and especially the two prong effect of the strategy: the home visitation program and the social support/networking opportunity.

Coordinator Lacapa then reviewed the revised draft of Strategy 6: Increasing Affordability of Center-based Child Care for the Working Poor and stated she had looked at the previous model crafted by the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, who also expanded the eligibility to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Discussion was held regarding whether children who were on the DES waiting list could be considered for this strategy. Coordinator Lacapa informed the members there may be input gained related to this during the FTF State Board Meeting on October 27, 2009, that may have an impact on further decision-making related to this strategy. After further discussion, the following motions were made regarding the two new strategies and the overall FY2011 Funding Plan:

Member Kline moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve Strategy 5: Increasing Supports for Parents/Guardians of Children at Risk for Developmental Delay as presented. Member Burnette seconded the motion. Vice Chair Endfield asked for any conflicts of interest; there being none, the motion passed 6:0:0.

Member Kline moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve Strategy 6: Increasing Affordability of Center-based Child Care for the Working Poor with the caveat that Coordinator Lacapa obtains advice from Assistant Director of Regional Partnership Councils, Michelle Katona, regarding the DES waiting list component of this strategy. Chair Massey, Jr., seconded the motion and asked if there were any conflicts of interest. Vice Chair Endfield stated she would have to recuse herself because of her role at the Whiteriver Unified School District ABC Day Care. The motion passed 5:0:0.

Member Burnette moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the Funding Plan for FY2011 with the two new strategies included. Member Clendon seconded the motion; the motion passed 6:0:0.

<u>Adjourn</u>

Having no further business, Chair Massey, Jr., adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Approved:

Kirk Massey, Jr., Chair

Rochelle Lacapa, Coordinator